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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18
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A RESOLUTION to proclaim September, 1997 "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month."

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee have always been aware of the devastation of childhood diseases and the physical, emotional and financial toll they take on children and families everywhere; and

WHEREAS, leukemia is one such disease that involves the body's blood-forming tissues, causing the formation of large amounts of abnormal white blood cells; and

WHEREAS, leukemia and other forms of cancers now represent a leading cause of death in children under fourteen years of age, second only to accidents; leukemia alone accounts for a great many of the cancer deaths in children and young adults under the age of thirty; and

WHEREAS, there is a tremendous need for increased awareness of leukemia and other childhood cancers in Tennessee, and a great need to inform the citizens of this state about prevention, warning signs and treatment; and

WHEREAS, through the untiring efforts of the Tennessee Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America, its executive staff and its numerous volunteers, more and more information is dispersed throughout the media, in workshops, in printed materials and at public events so that the general public will be well-informed about leukemia and its effects; and;

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WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should recognize those organizations that devote time, resources and knowledge to the eradication of diseases and life-threatening illnesses that afflict mankind; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby proclaim September, 1997, "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" throughout the state of Tennessee and offer our heartfelt appreciation to the Leukemia Society of America for the effort it has made to bring a ray of hope to Tennesseans and young people everywhere.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the Tennessee Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America with the final clause omitted from such copy.